

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending and have been rewritten. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 USC § 102(b)

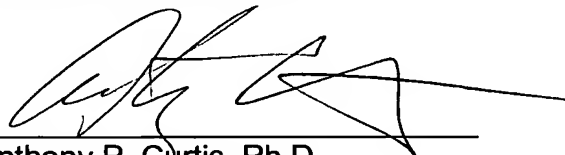
Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosenberg et al. (US Patent No. 5,691,898). Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 2, clarifying the terminology of decreasing a power supply value. Claims 1 and 2 overcome the rejection.

Rosenberg teaches deactivating the actuator when the actuator is overheating. See Col. 18, ll. 38-41. Conversely, Claims 1 and 2 recite decreasing the power supply value to the actuator without stopping supply of driving power to the actuator. This is not the same as deactivating the actuator. In claims 1 and 2, the actuator remains active, albeit with a decreased power supply value. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 2 overcome the rejection for the reasons stated.

II. Conclusion

In view of the response above, Applicants respectfully submit that both of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, as well as the application, and seek an early allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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